

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 85 and 101, cancel claims 94 – 101, and add new claims 103 – 111.

1. – 84. (Canceled).

85. (Currently Amended) A home media system comprising:

network;

acquisition storage set-top box, coupled to said network, for storing at least one digital data content object;

control/playback set-top box, coupled to said network, comprising a media playback module and a media control module, said media control module comprising an applications module for accessing, across said network, at least one digital data content object from said acquisition storage set-top box, and for running at least one media application that provides functionality, through a user interface, to play media, said media playback module comprising a decoder for decoding media comprised in said digital data content object ~~into video signals~~; and

~~display~~ client device, coupled to said control/playback set-top box, for displaying said user interface for said media application and receiving said video signals ~~and for playing media comprised in said digital data content object video.~~

86. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said acquisition storage set-top box further for acquiring said digital data content object external to said network.

87. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said decoder comprises a MPEG decoder.

88. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said control/playback set-top box comprises a personal computer system.

89. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said playback module of said control/playback set-top box comprises a frame buffer.

90. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising a personal digital assistant ("PDA") for receiving user input to control said control/playback set-top box.

91. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising a personal computer for organizing a plurality of digital data content objects stored on said acquisition storage set-top box.

92. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising control access at said control/playback set-top box for identifying said user and for restricting access to digital data content objects based on said user.

93. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim

85, further comprising:

digital device for accessing digital data stored on a digital medium; and

device interface, coupled to said digital device, for decoding said digital data and for transmitting said digital data on said network.

94. – 100. (Canceled).

101. (Currently Amended) A home media system comprising:

network;

control and acquisition storage set-top box, coupled to said network, for storing at

~~least one~~ a plurality of different types of digital data content objects, said control and acquisition storage set-top box comprising a media control module and for accessing, for transmission on said network, at least one type of said digital data content object, and for running at least one of a plurality of media applications on a client device based on said type of digital data content object;

playback set-top box, coupled to said network, for receiving said digital data

content object from said control and acquisition storage set-top box, said playback set-top box comprising a decoder for decoding media comprised in said digital data content object ~~into video signals~~; and

~~display client~~ device, coupled to said playback set-top box, for displaying output

from said media application and ~~receiving said video signals and for~~

playing media comprised in said digital data content object ~~video~~.

102. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 101, wherein said acquisition storage set-top box further for acquiring said digital data content object external to said network.

103. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said media application comprises a photo application for viewing digital data content objects that comprise digital photo files.

104. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said media application comprises a video application for playing digital data content objects that comprise digital video files.

105. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said media application comprises an audio application for playing digital data content objects that comprises digital audio files.

106. (New) A home media system comprising:

network;

acquisition storage set-top box, coupled to said network, for storing a plurality of different types of digital data content objects;

control/playback set-top box, coupled to said network, comprising a media playback module and a media control module, said media control module comprising an applications module for accessing, across said network, at

least one digital data content object of at least one type from said acquisition storage set-top box, and for running at least one of a plurality of media applications suitable for said type of digital data content object, said media playback module comprising a decoder for decoding media comprised in said digital data content object; and

client device, coupled to said control/playback set-top box, for playing media comprised in said digital data content object in accordance with said media application.

107. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 106, wherein said type of digital data content object comprises a digital photo file and said media application comprises a photo application for viewing said digital photo files.

108. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 106, wherein said type of digital data content object comprises digital video files and said media application comprises a video application for playing said digital video files.

109. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 106, wherein said type of digital data content object comprises digital audio files and said media application comprises an audio application for playing said digital audio files.

110. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 106, wherein said acquisition storage set-top box further for acquiring said digital data content object external to said network.

111. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 106, wherein said

control/playback set-top box comprises a personal computer system.